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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 1999, kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The present claims concern DNA molecules corresponding to specified Seq. ID NOs. As is description in the present disclosure, the claimed molecules correspond to uniquely identified mRNA molecules expressed in human tissues.

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